



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-569-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Nakayama et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,915)

Before the Examiner: D. Romeo)

Filed: November 28, 2000)

Group Art Unit: 1647)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 19, 2003

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-7.

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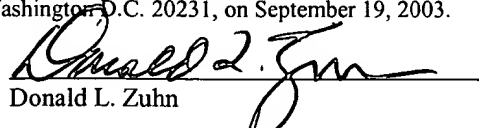
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